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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Yesterday evening the first group of Year 11 students had their Reigate College interviews which went very well. Mr Rai was really proud of the way the children conducted themselves. The staff at Reigate College commented on how impressed they were. The next round of interviews take place on Monday.

The Iceland information evening for those studying Geography GCSE took place this week. The children are getting very excited about this exceptional trip in February.

Judging by the noise coming out of the hall this week the children seemed to really enjoy Mr Emerson's assemblies which included a magic trick involving 250 students and an interactive game based on opinions culminating in a competition between myself and Mr Emerson in which he smugly won.

Our poppy appeal has been counted and you raised £268.21 which is the most we've raised in a few years so thank you very much.

Lastly, I would just like to remind you of our INSET day on Friday 1st December.

Mr Alexander

SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Year 7	Gwendolyn Sheehan and Sophia Walsh for their performance in the Shakespeare Schools Festival at the Capitol Theatre. A great performance girls - well done.
Year 8	The 8ALU football team for coming first in the inter-tutor football tournament this week.
Year 9	Jonathan Mugford for his incredibly generous contribution to the Year 9 Christmas hamper charity.
Year 10	Natasha Mandack for an excellent result in her Business Studies Exam.
Year 11	Eoghan Morris for his admirable attitude to his work and his continued effort.

THIS WEEK'S COMMENDATION AWARDS

Year 7	7GJE
Year 8	8PWR
Year 9	9MKI
Year 10	10LRD and 10JHU
Year 11	11GFO

BEST ATTENDANCE

Year 7	7DKI, 7VKE, 7PBO	100%
Year 8	8AJU	99.3%
Year 9	9JWH	96.6%
Year 10	10NTR	97.7%
Year 11	11CLY	98%

Whole School Attendance 94.7%

UPCOMING DATES

Monday 27 th November	Reigate College Interviews (Year 11)
Tuesday 28 th November	Old Caterhamians Rugby Tournament
Wednesday 29 th November	Head Girl Interviews Lunchtime Career talk from the Fire Service 8SCA form trip to Hampton Court Ice Rink 7ESA and 7ELA Film night
Thursday 30 th November	Prefects' Dinner
Friday 1 st December	INSET Day

CARNEGIE BOOK CLUB TRIP

On Monday 13th November we took 25 members of the Carnegie Book Club to the theatre for a matinee performance of a new film version of Agatha Christie's most famous book with her most famous detective, Hercule Poirot. Directed by and starring Sir Kenneth Branagh as Poirot and supported by a host of famous British and Hollywood stars and a moustache, this new film brings this classic to a new and younger audience.



I hope that members of the club will now read one or two of Christie's great books to experience the thrills of her whodunit plots. The children all behaved impeccably and we were complimented on their manners and cinema etiquette by both audience members and theatre staff. It was a pleasure to take them.

Mrs Scotton, Ms Williams and Miss Maloney

Here are some comments from a few of the children who were there:

"I thought that this film was one of the best murder mystery films that I have seen. I thought that all of the characters had a great depth of emotion to them. I liked how it revealed each character's past one by one so you could see how their stories intertwined." Beatrice Houghton, Year 8.

"I found Murder on the Orient Express to be incredibly gripping and entertaining as well. I loved Hercule's funny attitude despite his straightforward way of delivering news. I loved the mix of suspense; it was always changing to throw us off. I liked the way it linked together and showed us that sometimes justice is off balance. Each character was explained gradually by miniscule details which allowed us to see them as deeper, less perfect people. It highlights that one person's life affects many." Angelina Else, Year 8.

"I really enjoyed Murder on the Orient Express because of the suspenseful and dramatic sensation I got throughout the movie. The characters were very two-faced, but I liked that. You would keep thinking that you knew the murderer but the outcome was very different to how I expected. I had a kind of controversial view on the outcome because it wasn't who I expected." Annie Thompson, Year 8.

"The Carnegie Book Club went to the Harlequin Theatre to watch the film Murder on the Orient Express. It was a really good film with loads of different twists throughout." Pollyanna Hatjimarkou, Year 8.

OXBRIDGE TALK AT ST BEDE'S SCHOOL

On Thursday 16th November we travelled to St Bede's on the school minibus for a talk by a member of staff from Cambridge University. It mainly regarded subject choices and ensuring that you meet the requirements for entry, but also covered aspects to do with student life. We discovered that there is a wide range of societies and extra-curricular activities available, including ones to do with drama and volunteering, for example.

What I found to be particularly interesting was the collegiate system in which everyone has their own college where they live. This is so that students can get to know each other better and it also helps to keep student finances down as you only have to pay for the accommodation, unlike if you were to rent a flat. All the colleges are located close to one another so you do not have to travel very far. Most students either walk or cycle.

I found this a very valid experience as I gained an insight into what life as a student at Cambridge would be like through videos featuring students and their experiences. We were also shown that, outside of studies, there are many things to do within the local area due to the vast amounts of restaurants and shops. Here are some quotations from other attendees:

"The talk was very informative and interesting, I learnt a lot about the university and what to consider if I want to go to Cambridge." – Jennifer.

"It was really helpful and gave a much deeper insight into the opportunities for the future not only for Cambridge University, but also higher education as a whole." – Samina.

Reported by Beth Aldridge - 11JWI.





On the evening of Wednesday 8th November the first 'Come Dine with Me' event of the year took place in the Food Technology Department. Five Year 8 students were chosen to take part as a result of their positive attitude and efforts within lessons: Lara, Paige, Luke, Harry and Haaris.

The first part of the challenge was to design a two-course menu (starter, main or dessert) on the limited budget of only £10. Two days before the event the children were taken to a local supermarket and were asked to find all their chosen ingredients and pay at the till.

On the evening of the event the children were joined by one of their parents who assisted them in cooking the final meal. I could not have been more impressed with the motivation and teamwork shown by every single one these duos; it was a pleasure to see.

Once completed, each pair sat down and enjoyed eating the meal together. Thankfully some of the staff were lucky enough to be able to try some of the delicious desserts; Luke's Smartie and jam cake was certainly designed for a sweet tooth. As a small incentive we also had a competition for the best presented food and this was awarded to Harry and his father; watching them work together was like watching an episode of Masterchef Professionals.

I would like to say a big thank you to the Heads of Population, Mrs Hartnett, Miss McGuire and Mr Lapsley, for supporting the event, but the biggest thank you has to go to Mrs Whitehead and the Food Technology Department, without whom this event would not be possible. I am very much looking forward to the Year 9 and Year 7 events which will be held in the new year.

Mr Strachan

SCARLETT'S SUCCESS AT SURREY YOUTH BALLET

Congratulations to Scarlett who auditioned for Surrey Youth Ballet earlier this year. She was accepted into the company for the 11th season.

This weekend, following many rehearsals, she performed in The Sleeping Princess ballet along with many other contemporary pieces based on Remembrance Day.



Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 13 December 2017



**Roast British Turkey with Chef's Stuffing,
Cocktail Sausage, & Gravy**

or

**Golden Glazed Carrot & Mushroom Tart with
Cream Cheese & Tarragon (V)**

accompanied by

Crispy Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables

followed by

Festive Trifle (V)

£2.30

Tickets are on sale in the canteen.

Payment can be made by cash or debited from your account.

Last day for ordering is Monday 11 December.

*Please note Christmas Dinner is the only option
available for 2nd break on this day*



NEWS AND EVENTS

ENGLISH LITERATURE THEATRE TRIP

On Friday 17th November 77 Year 11 children and eight staff travelled to London to see the critically acclaimed National Youth Theatre production of Jekyll and Hyde at the Ambassadors Theatre. This is a text they are studying for English Literature GCSE and it gave them an interesting perspective on some of the character traits and themes from the novella in this interesting adaptation. The children were a great credit to the school and it was a pleasure to escort them and share this landmark production with them.



"Jekyll and Hyde, adapted by the National Youth Theatre, grabbed fistfuls of the original novella's plotline to mix modern issues with Victorian sexism and classism." - Harriet Grey

"The acting was impressive despite the fact that these actors are not professionals. The storyline was not that of the original novella, it had a more modern and comedic script which allowed the audience to get more involved with the characters. It gave a modern audience a taste of Victorian literature." - Georgia Davies

The recent production of Jekyll and Hyde in London gave us a new stance on the widely studied 19th Century novella written by Robert Louis Stevenson. The play attempted to incorporate the issues of a repressed Victorian society (that run through the original novella) and compare them with the issues we face in society today." - Teagwen Cameron

"This modern twist on the novella has drawn younger people to the theatre to experience something new. In my opinion it was a thought provoking play which covered many themes." - Abigail Durham

"I really enjoyed the show as it was fascinating, subtly humorous, very gripping and enjoyable. Teenagers should be treated with maturity and respect; in return teenagers should mirror that respect and be mature about the adult issues that are raised in the texts we study. The play demonstrated the realism to the audience of what society was like and how women were/are not respected by men." - Ben Watson

"It gave us an insight into how different generations view femininity and promiscuity." - Holly Landon

"The modern twist of the play allowed us to comprehend the story. It contained strong moral issues in both Victorian and present day society." - Hollie Reynolds

"It gave us an accurate representation of what life was like in the period the play was based in." - Feargal Flint

"It is a great educational experience in which the audience can immerse themselves in cultures from different time periods. It is important for those who are young to realise the true extent of behavioural stereotypes and expectations." - Beth Aldridge

"The play gave an insightful look into Victorian and modern society, with the addition of a profound insight into feminism that gripped and educated the audience. It should be viewed by all teenagers across Britain." - Leo Alleway

NOTICES



STUDENT SERVICES

Lost property: We have had a couple of watches handed in recently, along with a couple of rings, earrings, a key and sadly a pair of Pudsey ears. Food Tech has also advised us that there have been huge numbers of unnamed food containers left behind by the children, which will be recycled if not collected soon. We do try and reunite named lost property with their owners but may we ask that items are named with surnames as there are often multiple children with the same forename. Thank you.

SPORTS NEWS

YEAR 10 AND 11 NETBALL

Our Year 10 and 11 netballers hit the road again for their matches against Oxted School. We parked and began the ascent up the 50 stairs to reach, what felt like the highest point in all of Surrey, the netball courts. Although some felt this was a sufficient warm up, we carried on with another to get ready for the game.

Our Year 10s fought hard against a well drilled Oxted side and went down a few goals in the first half. We persevered during the second half to lose narrowly to a better side. Despite coming second, it was a good natured game on the whole and very enjoyable. We won best cheering though! Holly Goodbourn claimed player of the match on this occasion. Well done!



The Year 11s played a much closer game on the other court with the help of our super sub Jazz. Without her we would have had to play with six players. By half time we were up by one goal and the rest at the half had us eager to increase the lead. We passed the ball well and smoothly down the court to have ample scoring opportunity. Our shooters didn't let us down. We extended the lead and won comfortably 13-8. Well done to Amber who achieved a well-deserved player of the match title. It was a hard fought battle and one that will be most remembered for playing in increasing darkness throughout the second half. An interesting experience for players and umpires alike. Well done ladies!

CAREERS

CAREERS ADVICE IN SURREY – WHAT'S YOUR NEXT MOVE PORTAL

For full time study, work, apprenticeships or training options, Surrey's Participation Team offer advice and guidance around any aspect of post 16 options. Some of the features of this portal include:

- A FAQ section for parents/carers and young people
- A news and events section
- Participation information for those with SEND
- Volunteering information



Whether you need inspiration to help you decide what to do with your future or whether you're just looking for a bit of advice the "What's your next move?" portal can help.

CAREERS GUIDANCE

We have a careers section on the school website which contains useful information regarding college open events, up and coming careers events at Reigate School, details regarding apprenticeships and how to search and apply for them along with links to useful websites. There is also a link to a quiz which is fun to take and will give children an idea of what kind of careers will suit their personalities. Go to Academic-Careers or Academic-Option at post 16 for details of local college open events. Below are some other very useful websites which have plenty of information regarding further education, apprenticeships and careers choices plus interview techniques and many other tips.



www.barclayslifeskills.com



www.apprenticeships.org.uk



www.allaboutschoollleavers.co.uk



www.notgoingtouni.co.uk



www.icould.com

PARENTAL PORTAL - SLG

What is the Parental Portal (SIMS Learning Gateway)?

SIMS Learning Gateway (SLG) is a system that allows parents/carers to have access to information that we keep about their children.

What information can I access?

Currently SLG allows you to see information about your child's attendance, assessments, conduct log, which includes achievement and behaviour management, as well as their timetable. SLG uses real-time data, so the information is always current. Reigate School takes electronic registers in morning registration and in all five lessons.

Can I see whether my child has arrived in school?

Our tutors finish their morning registers by 9:05am. You will be able to log in to SLG at 9:05am to see whether your child has been marked as present. However, there are several reasons why the register may be late going into the SIMS system (for example, a tutor may not be in school so the register may initially be done on paper by a cover supervisor). If you notice that your child is not registered, please wait and check after 9.30am before contacting the school.

What if I spot inaccuracies in the information?

Data integrity is important to us. While we endeavour to make sure that all of our data is accurate, we realise that mistakes are possible.

Who gets access to this information?

We launched SLG for all children, parents and carers in 2016. We sent out usernames and passwords to all parents and carers who we have registered as the primary point of contact for each child. If you are not the primary contact, or have not received your username, please email slghelpdesk@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk.

What to do if you forget your username or password

In the first instance email slghelpdesk@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk if further assistance is required contact our SLG Helpdesk on 01737 229568.

Parental Portal (SIMS Learning Gateway) - Quick Start Guide

The SLG is accessed using a web browser and by entering the details that have been provided to you by the school. The account will give you access to information relating to any children that you have at Reigate School.

The address for the Reigate School SLG is <https://portal.reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk/slq/>

Finding Information on the SLG

Once logged in you should click on the **Parents/Carers** tab at the top of the page. You will then see the home page of the SLG Parent Site containing current SLG notices. On the left hand side of the screen are several sections that will be of interest:

My Account Page – it is advised that you visit this page the first time you log in and change your password to something more memorable. If you forget your password you will need to contact slghelpdesk@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk to request it to be reset.

My Children Dashboard – here you will find the main information about your child or children. In the main part of the page you will see headline information including attendance.

At the bottom of the page under **My Children Links** you will find three sections:

Student Dashboard – here you will find information regarding behaviour, achievements and timetable.

View Reports – this is where progress reports can be found. Click on the arrow next to the current academic year and a list of available reports will be displayed. Please note you will be unable to view reports when using a smartphone or iPhone as the mobile view doesn't support this.

Data Collection Sheet – Use this section of the SLG to check and update the information that we hold, including home address and home/mobile/work telephone numbers and email addresses. Changes are then submitted electronically and there is no need to telephone the school to advise us of those changes.